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**ELLSWORTH AFB, S.D.** – The public is invited to view the Air Force's newest and most flexible cargo aircraft during the Dakota Thunder Open House and Airshow, May 30 and 31. The C-17 Globemaster III, along with other static aircraft, is scheduled to be on display both days from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The C-17's mission is the rapid, strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases in a deployed environment. The C-17 also can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions; if required, it can also be outfitted to perform aeromedical evacuations. The maximum payload capacity of the C-17 is 170,900 pounds and its maximum gross takeoff weight is 585,000 pounds. For more information on the C-17 Globemaster, go online to [www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=86](http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=86).

The installation gates are scheduled to open to the general public each day of the airshow beginning at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For additional information on Dakota Thunder 2009, go online to [www.ellsworth.af.mil](http://www.ellsworth.af.mil).

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